

RUSSIA'S NAVAL TRIUMPH THRILLS ENTENTE ALLIES

Capitals Jubilant Over Unexpected Gulf Victory.

Petrograd Claims Complete Defeat of German Fleet.

TURN OF THE TIDE FOR SLAVS

Stroke Expected to Allay Depression of Muscovy.

Teutonic Campaign in Baltic Region in Balance.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—German troops have occupied the fortress of Ostrow, which was evacuated by the Russians. German army headquarters announced today.

London, Aug. 23.—The capitals of the entente allies are jubilant today over the unexpected naval victory which the Russians, according to their announcements, have won in the Gulf of Riga. England had more than a sympathetic interest in the battle, as the British submarine accounted for the German battle cruiser Moltke, the loss of which, added to the destruction of two cruisers, eight torpedo boats and four transports, constitutes the greatest naval disaster suffered by Germany during the war.

Hindenburg Is Checkmated. For the last week both Petrograd and Berlin have been sending meager reports of naval operations in the Gulf of Riga, which were interpreted to mean that Germany was attempting to land forces for the purpose of supporting the left flank of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in his efforts to overrun the whole of Courland and thereby establish his armies along the coast route to the Russian capital.

The official Russian report, claiming a decisive victory for the allies, together with the expulsion of the surviving units of the German naval forces from the Gulf of Riga, contains few details in addition to an enumeration of German losses. It is assumed that inasmuch as Petrograd announced several days ago that her large warships had retired from the gulf, the "mosquito fleet," assisted by submarines and land defenses, wrecked an expensive expedition on a part of the German fleet and the transports.

Russians Are Cheered. The moral effect of this action on the Russian people, it is expected in London will allay the depression incident to the continued Russian retreat, which has been rumored to have been in the northern sector from Riga to Kovno.

British military critics regard the Baltic advance of the Germans as of supreme importance. If the invaders really contemplate marching on Petrograd, on that account the Russian naval victory may be of large effect on the German plans.

Italy's declaration of war on Turkey has not yet led, so far as is known here, to definite results, but it is expected to have a great effect on human affairs, which have been connected closely with Italy.

Given Way to Italy. Milan, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—One of the main difficulties in the way of a solution of the Balkan problem favorable to the entente allies has been settled, according to an interview with Premier Pachtich, of Serbia, published in the Corriere della Sera. The premier is quoted as saying that Serbia has given way to Italy regarding Albania.

Fair and Cooler Is the Promise for Tomorrow.

Moderately heavy rains have been general in Kansas in the last twenty-four hours. Fort Scott got 1.2 inches and rain was still falling this morning. The precipitation at Wichita was 1.12 inches. Topeka got .45 of an inch between 3:27 and 7:25 Sunday evening.

The sky was clearing in the northwest portion of the state at 7 o'clock this morning; rain was falling in the northeast corner at the same time. The forecast calls for fair weather tonight in the western portion of Kansas with unsettled and cooler in the east. Tuesday is expected to be partly cloudy.

The sun broke through the clouds late this morning and the weather this afternoon was of a pleasant brand. The wind was eleven miles an hour from the northwest. The temperature averaged three degrees below normal today.

The stage of the Kaw river at Topeka today was 11.1 feet as compared with 13.5 feet Saturday. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock	11.1	8 o'clock	11.1
8 o'clock	11.1	9 o'clock	11.1
9 o'clock	11.1	10 o'clock	11.1
10 o'clock	11.1	11 o'clock	11.1
11 o'clock	11.1	12 o'clock	11.1
12 o'clock	11.1	1 o'clock	11.1
1 o'clock	11.1	2 o'clock	11.1
2 o'clock	11.1	3 o'clock	11.1

ALLIES FAIL IN EFFORT TO FORCE BULGARIA IN

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Official circles here today claimed receipt of positive information from both Sofia and Constantinople that Bulgaria and Turkey had signed an agreement assuring Bulgaria's neutrality.

Official statement given out in both Sofia and Constantinople, it was stated, proved the definite failure of the allies' intention to bring Bulgaria into the war.

Turkey has given Bulgaria direct railroad connection to the sea desired by the Sofia government.

GERMANS LOSE 11 SHIPS IN GULF OF RIGA BATTLE; DREADNOUGHT SENT DOWN

London, Aug. 23.—An official Russian communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga was forwarded from Petrograd today by the correspondent of the Central News. It gives the German losses as one dreadnought, two cruisers and eight torpedo boats. The statement follows: "In the Gulf of Riga between August 16 and August 19 the Russian fleet sank or damaged no fewer than two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats. At the same time a British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnoughts. "The Russian gunboat Sivuch was sunk in a fight in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat while she was herself in flames and sinking."

The foregoing statement tallies with previous advice, except that the German losses were given as three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

BIG GULF BATTLE

Russ Gunboat "Perishes Gloriously" in Unequal Fight.

Petrograd Says Germans in Defeat Turned Tail.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The recent naval battle in the Gulf of Riga is described as follows in a statement from navy headquarters: "The German fleet, on August 16, renewed with large forces its attacks on our positions at the entrance of the Gulf of Riga. Our ships during the 16th and 17th repulsed the attacks of the enemy, whose secret preparations for entering the gulf had been favored singularly by misty weather. "Taking advantage of a thick fog, hostile forces of considerable size entered the gulf on the 18th and our vessels retired at the same time, continuing to resist the enemy without losing touch with him."

"On the 19th and 20th, the enemy reconnoitered in different directions at the same time keeping up a fight with our ships, in which their torpedo boat flotilla suffered material losses. On our side, we lost the gunboat Sivuch, which perished gloriously in an unequal fight with an enemy cruiser which was escorting torpedo craft and came up to a four mile distance from here. The Sivuch enveloped in flames, continued to repel, shot for shot, until she sank, having previously sunk enemy torpedo boats."

"In view of the losses suffered and the facility of his efforts, the enemy appears to have evacuated the Gulf of Riga on the 21st. "Between the 16th and the 21st, two enemy cruisers and no fewer than eight torpedo boats were either sunk or placed hors de combat. Simultaneously our gallant ships succeeded in torpedoing in the Baltic one of the most powerful dreadnoughts of the German fleet."

The foregoing contains no reference to the loss of the Russian gunboat Sivuch, which was said in an official German statement of Sunday to have been sunk as well as the Sivuch.

Victory Eases Russ Tension. London, Aug. 23.—Reuters's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs that the Russian naval success has come as a great relief to the capital after the strain of the last week. The public celebration lasted until last night. After gathering in front of the government buildings, the crowd marched to the British embassy.

SLAVS LOSE ONLY ONE SHIP. Hero of Port Arthur in Charge of Ill-Fated Vessel.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The little Russian gunboat Sivuch, with a crew of 148 men, is said by the Petrograd newspapers to be the only Russian warship lost in the battle in the Gulf of Riga. Commander Tchekassov, who distinguished himself at Port Arthur, was in charge of the Sivuch. The number of survivors has not been announced.

Although the president of the duma announced that the German battle cruiser Moltke has been sunk by a German submarine, there still appears to be some doubt whether it was the Moltke or a vessel of that type which was sent to the bottom.

The only other German warship of the type of the Moltke, according to 1915 naval records, is the battle cruiser Blücher, which was sunk in 1914, and renamed the Sultan Selim.

NEW BATTLE ON BORDER

Sheriff's Posse Engaged With Men Believed Carranza Deserters.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 23.—A sheriff's posse and some Mexican bandits were engaged in a fight in Hidalgo county, west of here. It was said several Mexicans were killed, but this report lacked confirmation.

The Mexicans were believed to be the band of Carranza deserters who, according to reports from Carranza military authorities in Matamoros, last week, crossed into Hidalgo county.

WILSON STAYS AT DESK

President Gives Up for Present His Plans to Return to Cornish.

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Wilson has given up for the present his plans to return to his summer home at Cornish, N. H., and will remain in Washington. He had hoped to go to Cornish late this week. The president does not expect to hold the usual cabinet meeting tomorrow, as the cabinet members are out of the city. A meeting will be held as soon as conclusive evidence about the sinking of the Arabic is received.

FLOOD SWEEPS OVER DKE INTO NEWPORT, ARK.

Hundreds of Volunteers Work to Save Levee.

Negroes Forced at Point of Gun to Join Them.

VAST AREA IS UNDER WATER

Damage Millions, Many Thousands Are Homeless.

St. Louis Slowly Recovers From Latest Disaster.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 23.—White river is coming over the Rock Island levee at Newport and the town will be flooded, according to reports here today. The \$25,000 causeway just completed over Newport lake has broken. Hundreds of volunteers this morning were working on the levee and negroes had been forced at the point of shotguns to join them. The Stevens Steel levee at Ingleside, near Newport, has broken.

Reports were received here last night that a family of five persons had been drowned in the bottoms near Oil Trough. In Newport all business has been suspended. The water and electric light plants have been put out of commission by the rising waters. "The damage to crops in White river bottoms will be enormous, as thousands of acres of the most fertile land in the bottom is flooded. "The steamers Muskogee and Mary G. Lucas are running day and night rescuing families from the overflowed districts, many of the dwellers of the lowlands being taken from trees. The present stage of the water is higher than for fifteen years and the (Continued on Page 2.)

VILLA A GUERRILLA

Northern General in Bush Campaign Against Obregon.

Artillery to North of Torreón as Reserve for Bands.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 23.—Arrivals from northern Mexico today declared General Villa is mobilizing his forces at Torreón, preparatory to a guerrilla warfare against Obregon. In the belief that Obregon's forces are superior in organization and equipment, sixty pieces of artillery have been placed at Santa Clara and Santo Domingo, ready to move to the north of Torreón, as a reserve for the guerrilla bands which are reported to be placed in units of 1,000 men. Villa is said to have 20,000 men, including the expeditionary force arrived recently from the south.

It is said General Felipe Angeles, now in southern Sonora, is endeavoring to induce southern Yaquis to attack Gen. P. E. Calles, Carranza commander in that state, with a view to relieving pressure against Governor Maytorena at Nogales.

A report of hospital service at Chihuahua shows 7,140 wounded received between March and July. The mortality was seventy-eight, 5,179 being discharged and 1,865 remaining. Vacancies caused by discharges permitted reception of 1,800 more wounded from hospitals at Torreón and elsewhere, making a total of more than 12,000 wounded treated since March 1.

REUF DODGES CAMERAS

Former Political Boss of San Francisco Quits San Quentin.

San Rafael, Cal., Aug. 23.—Abraham Reuf, under fourteen years' sentence for offering a bribe, left San Quentin penitentiary on parole today, departing by a side gate while photographers and reporters stood about the main gate in the rain. The former political boss of San Francisco had served four years and five months in prison because a city election is pending in San Francisco in which he does not care to participate. Later he will enter the real estate business. He is said to be worth \$450,000 or more.

M'CLUGGAGE IS DEAD

Was Veteran Physician and Oldest Kansas Probate Judge.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 23.—Dr. A. R. McCluggage, a probate judge of Butler county, died in a hospital here today of heart disease. He was 71 years old. He was chosen last fall on the Democratic ticket. He had practiced medicine in Butler county since 1863 and is said to have been the oldest probate judge in the state.

CRUDE OIL AGAIN SOARS

North Lima Near Dollar Mark, Operators See \$1.50 Mark.

Lima, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Crude oil markets for the central states soared again today with the opening of the market when the Ohio Oil company added 5 cents a barrel to North and South Lima, Wooster, Princeton and Illinois, while Indiana also got its first raise.

North Lima is now only 2 cents below the coveted dollar mark and operators predict a \$1.50 mark.

BG THREE RIDES OVER TWO IN THE CITY HALL

House, Wasson and Tandy Pass a Budget Ordinance.

Ride Rough Shod Over the Other Commissioners.

PORTER AND NEWLAND VOTE NO

Their Estimates Were Cut Deeply in the Levy.

Tandy Gets Big Share of the Increase in Taxation.

A budget ordinance fixing the city tax levy for the year 1916 was adopted by the city commission today. The property owners of the city will pay a tax of eight mills on each dollar of assessed valuation and \$47,534 will be raised with which to conduct the city's business during the year. This is an increase in the city tax levy of one and one-fourth mills. Of this increase 42-100 of a mill was voted by the people of the city at an election for the support of a double platform fire department. The election authorized was not held. The city commissioners figured that the full amount authorized would not be needed. Approximately \$23,000 is the increase in the expenses of the fire department due to the two-platform system. Frank M. Newland, city commissioner of water and lighting, was denied his request for money for improvements at the city light plant. His budget was cut \$18,814 below what he requested. His budget for 1916, however, is approximately \$1,000 larger than for 1915.

No Rest Room. W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, was denied a public rest room calling for an expenditure of approximately \$5,000, and an animal house and comfort station combined, for Gage park, for which he asked \$10,000. His budget increase over last year, however, is approximately \$10,000 of which \$3,000 goes as a partial payment on the purchase of Klein park, and \$1,000 is for improvements on the sewer pump in North Topeka.

W. G. Tandy, city commissioner of streets, gets an increase over last year of approximately \$11,000 to be used for bridges. Of the increase in city taxes of more than three-fourths of a mill not accounted for by the two-platform fire department levy, one-fourth goes to Tandy for bridges. The bridge levy is increased from one-quarter to one-half mill.

House Cuts Own Budget. Mayor House voluntarily reduced his budget request approximately \$6,000 by deciding not to purchase another truck for the fire department, and to get along with a motor patrol for the police department.

Porter Voted No. As the ordinance was being approved by section, Porter voted no on each section and Newland voted in the negative on most of the sections. When the vote on the final ordinance was taken, Porter voted no and Newland voted yes.

BRIDGE OVER BAY

Galveston Relief Work Goes Forward Rapidly.

Cases Requiring Help Are Remarkably Small.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 23.—Relief work in Galveston, found necessary as a result of the tropical storm which struck this city last Monday, is making satisfactory progress. The number of cases needing help has been remarkably small so far, and all will be taken care of. Rail lines have been established to both ends of the causeway and pile drivers and material men to operate them are ready to build a trestle across the bay.

The crew of the United States tug Talfor, which was on the way at Lufkinburg for repairs, saved about fifteen lives Monday night and Tuesday.

The tug is practically undamaged, said Captain Ellisor today. The drawbridge across the International canal at Galveston was washed away. Three other bridges are practically undamaged.

Clean up work in the city is going steadily forward with very satisfactory results. The city's waterworks system will likely be in operation by tomorrow at the latest. In the meantime there is abundant water for drinking and cooking purposes. There has been no illness as a result of the storm.

Telephone service is being rapidly restored. Street car and electric light and power service will be resumed when ample water is assured. All the plants are in readiness.

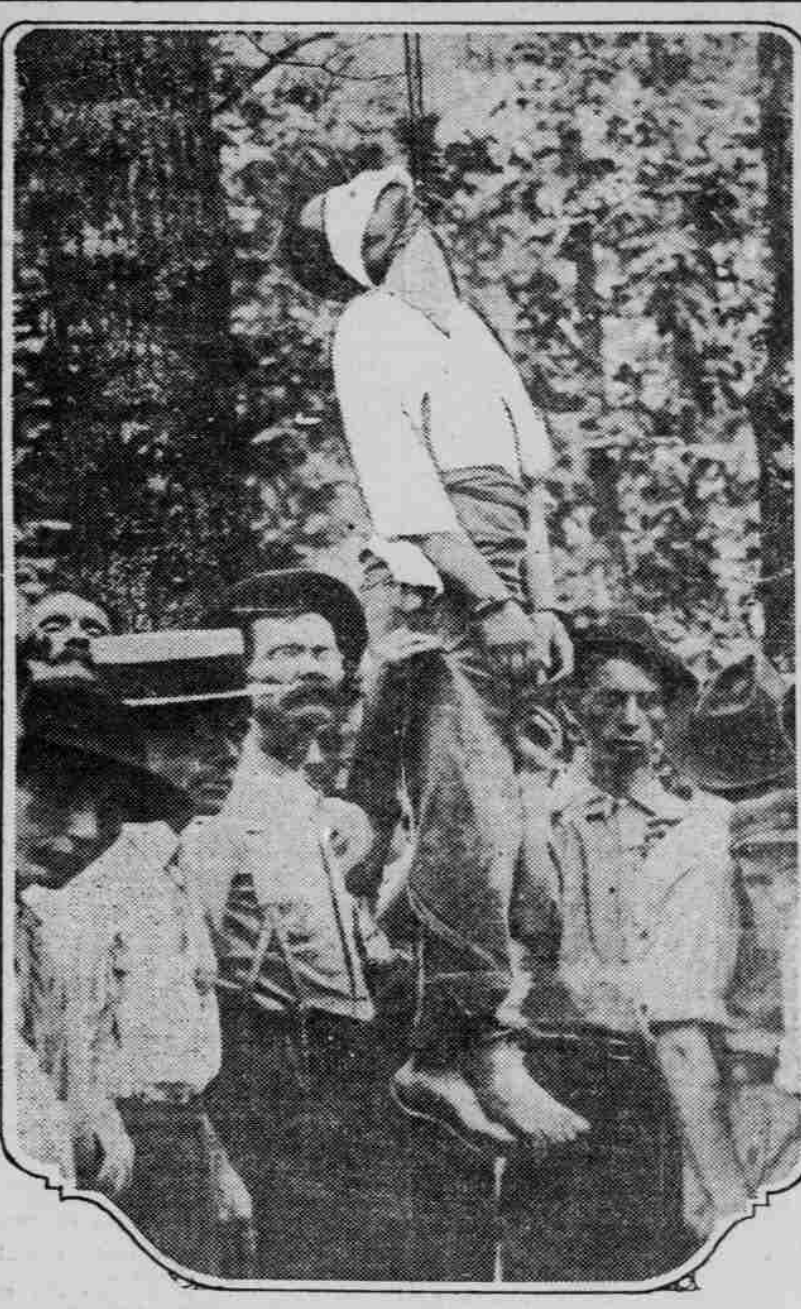
EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The allies' first line driven back in Belgium and Lorraine. Retreat of the French southern wing at Verdun reported cut off by German crown prince's army, the latter taking many prisoners. Lunenburg, Blomont and Cirey taken by Germans.

Battle has been raging 24 hours between the Lesse and Meuse rivers. Losses on both sides heavy. Verdun forced to take Gumbinnen. Ortelsburg and Johannsburg are advancing in large force on Koenigsburg.

Japanese, English, French and Russian warships begin blockade of Tsing-Tao, following Japan's declaration of war on Germany.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF LEO FRANK



Shackled and handcuffed, Leo Frank's lifeless form is shown hanging from a tree while the mob looked on. The auto curtain that covered the lower part of his body is clearly shown, also his night robe which he wore when taken from prison.

HAIL NEW ENEMY LAST WITH SIOUX

Italians Enthusiastic From Alps to Libya. Their Final Argument Today.

Berlin Declares Rome Merely Obeys London Mandate.

Grover Given Chance to Do a "Come Back."

Rome, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—Several transports laden with troops and escorted by warships have departed from Naples, Taranto, Syracuse and Brindisi for an unknown destination. They sailed under sealed orders. It is generally believed that they are to be employed for operations against Turkey.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—The fact is disclosed that joint military action by Italy with England, France and Russia against Turkey was arranged today by the Italian General Piro during his visit to the Anglo-French front in July. Plans studied then, it is said, can immediately be put into action.

Rome, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—Italy's declaration of war against Turkey has been greeted enthusiastically from the Alps to the Ionian sea and across the Mediterranean to Libya, from which the governor general has sent a telegram declaring that his troops claim the privilege of being the first of entering into the new campaign.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The German newspapers, copies of which have been received here, express indignation over Italy's declaration of war on Turkey, asserting that Italy is merely acting on the orders of Great Britain.

The Tagblatt says that although Italy has not declared war on Germany, she is ready to act whenever she is ordered by the allies.

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—The Bucharest, Rumania, correspondent of the Tribune sends the following: "News of the Italian declaration of war against Turkey reached here at 8 o'clock last night. There was much enthusiasm throughout the city. The king at once called a meeting of the cabinet and the Italian ambassador was present."

"The king will hold a conference today with all the representatives of the Balkan states. Yesterday he signed several decrees of a military nature."

Italians Want U. S. Warships. Rome, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—Appreciation is expressed here in government circles and by the people of the weighty steps undertaken by the American embassy at Constantinople in the protection of Italian interests in Turkey. Unofficial hopes are expressed that the United States will send additional warships to render effective the representations of Ambassador Monaghan. Many Italians are employed as laborers in the interior of the Turkish empire remote from the direct influence of American consuls.

Italians Evacuate Pelagosa. Vienna, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The Admiralty announced today that reconnaissance on Saturday established the fact that the Italians had evacuated the island of Pelagosa, in the Adriatic sea, having destroyed all buildings and fortifications.

Kansas Buys Oklahoma Paper. Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 23.—N. D. Welty, of Wamego, Kan., candidate for congress last year, has purchased the Bartlesville Examiner, according to an announcement here today.

Two Buildings Badly Damaged by Explosion in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 23.—Two buildings in a row of small two-story houses were badly damaged and three others less seriously damaged early today in the section known as "Little Italy." The destruction is said to have been the result of a bomb explosion.

Two negroes sleeping in one of the buildings were blown into the back yard and covered with wreckage, but not seriously injured. According to the police twenty threatening letters have been received by wealthy Italians here the last month.

GERMANY FACES BANKRUPTCY AS PRICE OF STRIFE

Secretary of Treasury Sounds Note of Alarm.

Needful to Declare for an Honorable Peace.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG TO QUIT

Fire-Eating Chauvinists, Are Riding to Disaster.

Von Moltke Holds Complete Slav Defeat Impossible.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—At the secret conference of cabinet ministers political leaders and influential writers, called by the German imperial chancellor before the resumption of the Reichstag last Thursday, to discuss the political situation, the Telegram says, Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, explained that the new German war loan would completely exhaust the empire's financial resources and that the increase in exchequer bonds would cause bankruptcy. Therefore, Dr. Helfferich argued that it was imperative to prepare for an honorable peace.

Empire's Difficulties Increase. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the same report, declared that the difficulties of the empire were increasing and advised his hearers to use their influence to soften down bellicose inclinations and expansion policy in the Reichstag and the country and carefully to consider peace proposals which would be acceptable to the four members of the entente.

Dr. Von Dernburg's report of the failure of his mission in the United States and other neutral countries, the Telegram says, made a strong impression on the conference. Lieut.-Gen. Count von Moltke, former chief of the general staff, declared that he fully agreed with the chancellor, and added that only those not fully informed on the situation could hope for the possibility of complete Russian defeat.

Reichstag Stands Pat. Despite these declarations, the story concludes, the Reichstag refused to adopt a resolution advocating moderation in the Reichstag, whereupon the chancellor declared that if a majority in the Reichstag should show an irreconcilable attitude, he would be obliged to resign as he could not accept responsibility for Germany's disaster.

SHIP IN DISTRESS

Paris Hears Channel Vessel Met With Mishap.

Fate of Steamer From England Velled in Mystery.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Rumors of a mishap to a channel steamer on a voyage from Folkestone to Boulogne are being circulated widely in Paris. Apparently they originated in the fact that passengers from an English steamer, the Budo, of the German-Levant line, loaded with munitions and provisions, was sunk in the Sea of Marmora.

British Schooner Down. London, Aug. 23.—The British schooner Martha Edmonds, 182 tons gross and owned at Cowes, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

German Destroyer Sunk. Paris, Aug. 23.—Two French torpedo boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer off Ostend (Belgium) last night. The announcement made here today, "Our boats were undamaged."

British Bombed Down. Queenstown, Aug. 23.—The British steamship Dioned has been sunk by a German submarine. Her captain, quartermaster and steward were killed by shells fired by the submarine during a pursuit of four hours.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair in east, unsettled and cooler in east portion tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy.

JAPAN TO GIVE GREATER AID TO CZAR AND ALLIES

Tokio, Aug. 23.—The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions."

The Associated Press carries the statement that Japan has decided to employ all available governmental and private resources for increasing the output of munitions for the allies, especially Russia. The Japanese government believes the time has arrived for more concerted action against the enemies of Japan and her allies.

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